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ITEM NO: 8003

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SUBJECT: ALGERIA REQUESTS SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS

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IN A LETTER PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE REQUESTED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO BEGIN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXAMINE WAYS OF ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BASED ON THE EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR THE ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL STATES. BOUMEDIENE'S REQUEST, IF ACTED UP PROMPTLY BY WALDHEIM, COULD INHIBIT THE ACTIONS OF SOME OF THE 20+ CONSUMING STATES WHEN THEY MEET IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 13 ON THE NARROWER QUESTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES.

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BOUMEDIENE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT AN EARLIER FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL UN SESSION ON ENERGY PROBLEMS WOULD BECOME MEANINGFUL ONLY IF SUCH A SESSION INSTEAD DEALT WITH THE BROADER PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS. HE BASED HIS REQUEST ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND ON RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE FOURTH NONALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD IN ALGERIA LAST SEPTEMBER. THESE RESOLUTIONS, LARGELY DRAFTED BY ALGERIA, CALLED FOR A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING STATES AND FOR NONALIGNED STATES TO ASSERT GREATER CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

THE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH BOUMEDIENE'S LONG HELD BELIEF IN THE RIGHT OF DEVELOPING STATES TO ASSERT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES AND IN THE NEED TO REDEFINE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING STATES. BOUMEDIENE, CURRENTLY HEAD OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SERVE BROADER NONALIGNED OBJECTIVES.

2. BOUMEDIENE IS ALSO SEEKING TO REGAIN THE INITIATIVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AT A TIME WHEN HIS THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP WAS

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BEING ECLIPSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. A UN SESSION MOREOVER WOULD PERMIT ALGERIA TO REDIRECT TO A LARGER FORUM AN INDIAN AND YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR A MEETING OF NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS, THAT WOULD HAVE RISKED A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPING STATE CONSUMERS OVER SUPPLIES AND PRICES. IN A UN SETTING, BOUAEDIENE WOULD TRY TO AVOID SUCH A CONFRONTATION AND, WEARING HIS NONALIGNED HAT, CALL FOR A BROADER DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING A NEW ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK TO MEET THE HOST OF PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE LESS DEVELOPED STATES IN THE WORLD.

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